MINUTES OF MEETING
RHODE ISLAND AIRPORT CORPORATION
GENERAL AVIATION COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2005 AT 2:00 P.M.
IN THE MARY BRENNAN BOARD ROOM,
T. F. GREEN AIRPORT,
2000 POST ROAD, WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND

The meeting of the Rhode Island Airport Corporation ("Corporation") General Aviation Committee was called to order by Chair, Dr. Kathleen Hittner at 2:10 p.m., in the Mary Brennan Board Room at T. F. Green Airport, 2000 Post Road, Warwick, RI 02886, in accordance with the notice duly posted pursuant to the Open Meetings Law.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Sangster
COMMITTEE MEMBER ABSENT: Michael Traficante.

ALSO PRESENT: Laurie Cullen, Executive Vice President: Marci A. Greenberger, Sr. VP Operations and Maintenance; Brian Schattle, Sr. VP Administration and Finance; Peter Frazier, Chief Legal Counsel: Steve Tibbetts, General Manager - Hawthorne Aviation; Don Pillsbury, and those individuals listed on the attendance sheet attached hereto.

1. Approval of the Minutes: Dr. Hittner moved that the minutes of the General Aviation Committee Meeting of Tuesday, September 20, 2005, be approved. Mr. Sangster seconded the motion. The motion was

passed unanimously.

2. Open Forum: Dr. Hittner invited members of the audience to speak in Open Session. No one came forward.

3. Chair's Report: There was no report.

## 4. General Aviation Report:

Mr. Tibbetts gave an overview of current operations at the five general aviation airports. Mr. Tibbetts reported Hawthorne Aviation has changed its name to Landmark Aviation effective immediately and will be able to market many more services at Rhode Island's airports, including 24 - hour mobile maintenance vehicle assistance for aircraft repairs. Mr. Tibbetts reported an extension of operation hours to 10 pm at Quonset State Airport. Mr. Tibbetts noted the operational hours at North Central Airport may also be extended.

# 5. Aeronautics Report:

Mr. Moder reported on various lighting projects and related meetings. Mr. Pillsbury asked about utilizing the grass parallel to Runway 5/23 at North Central for tail dragger landings while Runway 5/23 is being reconstructed. Ms. Cullen stated she would do research on the matter and report back to the Committee.

#### 6. Discussion Items:

(a) Update on Westerly Police Station.

Mr. Cloutier reported a second appraisal has been request to confirm the value of the proposed Westerly Police Station site. Mr. Cloutier reported all documentation associated with the Release of Land Request for the site has been submitted to the FAA.

(b) Update on Environmental Issues.

Ms. Pope reported that airport obstruction removal and lighting has been completed at Newport Airport. Ms. Pope reported replanting at Newport Airport has been completed in the area, and nearby home owners are satisfied with the results. Ms. Pope reported the easement process for Newport Airport is scheduled for 2006.

Ms. Pope reported that the Glycol Minimization Process continues to proceed at North Central Airport.

Ms. Pope reported that priority obstruction removal has been completed at Quonset Airport.

Ms. Pope reported that the Environmental Assessment will be completed by year end.

Ms. Pope reported that non - wetland obstruction removal at Westerly Airport has been completed. Ms. Pope reported easement offer letters have begun to go out to off-airport property owners.

Mrs. Pope provided an update on the Wetland Edge Verification for each of the airports.

(c) Update on Block Island Landside Improvement Project and Quonset Master Plan.

Mr. Mini reported Torrado Associates has been chosen for the Block Island Landside Improvement Project which will include construction of a new terminal, entrance roadways, and auto parking. Mr. Mini reported on the project schedule and that a full public process is anticipated for this project.

Mr. Mini reported that the Airport Layout Plan (ALP) and the Quonset Master Plan are complete and will be submitted to the FAA by the end of November. Mr. Mini reported the Development Plan is underway and completion is expected in the Summer of 2006.

Dr. Hittner asked for an update on the Quonset Air Museum (QAM).

Mr. Cloutier provided and update on the progress for the proposed

Quonset Air Museum site.

#### 7. Executive Session:

(a) Discussion Related to Potential Litigation- R.I.G.L. § 42-46-5 (a)(2).

At approximately 2:49 p.m., a motion was made by Mr. Sangster and seconded by Dr. Hittner to go into Executive Session. By the following roll call vote the motion was passed unanimously.

YEAS: Dr. Kathleen Hittner

**Robert Sangster** 

NAYS: None

At approximately 3:06 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Sangster to return to the Open Session. The motion was seconded by Dr. Hittner. The motion was passed unanimously.

## 8. Future Meetings:

The next General Aviation Committee Meeting scheduled for

Thursday, December 1, 2005, at 11:00 a.m., in the Mary Brennan Board Room, at T. F. Green Airport has been cancelled. The next scheduled meeting will be on Thursday, January 5, 2006.

9. Adjournment: Mr. Sangster moved to adjourn at approximately 3:06 p.m. Dr. Hittner seconded the motion. The motion was carried by acclamation.

Respectfully submitted

Dr. Kathleen Hittner, Chair General Aviation Committee of the

**Rhode Island Airport Corporation** 

ATTENDANCE SHEET
RHODE ISLAND AIRPORT CORPORATION
GENERAL AVIATION COMMITTEE
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NAME AFFILIATION

Patti Goldstein RIAC

**Liberty Luciano RIAC** 

Alicia Spearing RIAC

Michael Mini RIAC

**David Cloutier RIAC** 

**Gueuko Gueueu G&G Technologies** 

Brian Fugere Skanska

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION

OF THE RHODE ISLAND AIRPORT CORPORATION

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NOVEMBER 22, 2005

- 1. At approximately 2:49 p.m., a motion was made by Mr. Sangster and seconded by Dr. Hittner to go into Executive Session. The motion was passed unanimously.
- 2. Mr. Frazier provided an update on various potential litigation matters.

3. Ms. Goldstein reported on obstruction removal at Westerly Airport.

At approximately 3:05 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Sangster to return to the Open Session. The motion was seconded by Dr. Hittner. By the following roll call vote the motion was passed unanimously.

YEAS: Dr. Hittner

**Bob Sangster** 

**NAYS: None** 

Respectfully submitted

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Dr. Hittner, Chair General Aviation Committee of the Rhode Island Airport Corporation